

GERMAN WAR MINISTER CRITICIZED BY PRESS

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Berlin, July 25.—War Minister Von Falkenhayn, whose tactless speech in the Reichstag, on the occasion of the Zabin Interpellation, undoubtedly contributed greatly to the strength of the vote of censure against the government, is generally considered to have made another exhibition of bad political strategy by causing an action to be brought against Rosa Luxemburg for insulting the German army. Even the loyalists press is criticizing him severely, and the unexpected adjournment of the process for an indefinite time, against the strong protests of the defense, appears, when taken in connection with certain other aspects of the case, to indicate that the War Minister has realized he has exposed the most vulnerable point of the institution which he had intended to protect.

Frau Luxemburg, who is one of the leaders of the extreme radical wing of the Socialist party, said recently in a speech in Freiburg against the mistreatment of soldiers by officers and noncommissioned officers:

"Day in, day out, there are enacted in the German barracks dramas of which only a small part become known to the public."

General Von Falkenhayn saw in this statement a slander of the army, and he promptly made information to the state attorney, with the result that a prosecution was begun. Von Falkenhayn, the central Socialist organ, thereupon published an appeal to its readers for witnesses to acts of brutality against private soldiers. The success of this appeal was evident on the first day of the trial, when attorneys for the defense submitted a list of 920 men who were willing to testify to mistreatment of themselves or other soldiers in their presence. General Von Falkenhayn protested that this testimony was irrelevant, except in so far as it covered cases having a fatal outcome, either through mistreatment or through suicide to escape further mistreatment—the latter a thing that repeatedly occurred. Anything else, said the War Minister, could not be considered a "drama."

Against this construction the defense protested, and the court, without definitely deciding the point, prepared to continue the process. The prosecution then demanded a list of the defense's witnesses, with specifications of the acts to which they were prepared to testify. The defense submitted such a list, and an adjournment for three days was granted to enable the state's attorneys to investigate the cases. When court reconvened, the prosecution, at the instance of the War Minister, demanded an indefinite adjournment. A letter from General Von Falkenhayn was submitted, in which he declared that the defense's list had been submitted to the military courts for action in the cases specified. He was unwilling to proceed with the Luxemburg case until courts-martial should have determined the truth or falsity of the allegations upon which the defense bases its case.

ATTORNEYS OBJECTED

TO AN ADJOURNMENT
Attorneys for Frau Luxemburg objected to an adjournment. Since the last session their witness list had increased to 1,012, and the indications were that it would continue to grow. To wait the action of court-martial in all these cases meant an indefinite delay. Moreover, one of the chief issues in the case was the competency of military courts to handle brutal offenses, and the defense insisted that the present case be decided on the outcome of prosecutions to which the defendant was not a party and in which the defense had no confidence. The court rebuked this statement as "unfathomable criticism of the War Minister," and granted the adjournment asked for.

However the case may finally terminate—assuming that it is ever really brought to trial—it cannot help directing attention to the undeniably great number of excesses against private soldiers on the part of their superiors, and this number, although it has been somewhat reduced in the last few years, is still shamefully high. The press, in objecting to General Von Falkenhayn's proposed adjournment of the trial, has just transpired as the result of an anonymous letter to the parents of the dead soldier. A musketeer of a Dantzig infantry regiment, who died two weeks ago, is now declared to have been fatally injured by his sergeant-major. Gurtz, a private drill instructor, has been declared to have been killed by a sergeant-major. An investigation is under way and the sergeant-major and captain of the company have been suspended.

The "sharper wind" predicted for Alsace-Lorraine as a result of the change in viceroys has already begun to blow. One of the first indications was the recent order forbidding army recruits from the Reichsland to be mustered into regiments of their home provinces. Another is the following paragraph from the "Official Correspondence" of Strassburg, the organ of the government:

"It has recently been observed that, especially upon the return of excursionists from over the French border, flags and badges of all varieties in the French colors are worn in a conspicuous manner. It is therefore advisable to direct attention to the fact that, according to the decree of August 11, 1913, and under numerous decisions of the courts, the public exhibition of the flag of the enemy constitutes a punishable offense, subjecting one to imprisonment and considerable fines." Repeated incidents in the conquered provinces show how widespread the anti-German feeling is among different classes. The most recent incident is reported from Saarburg, where the pastor of the state church refused to have the church bells rung in honor of a visit of the viceroys, Dr. von Dailwitz. The Mayor intervened, calling attention to an ordinance requiring the bells to be rung on such occasions. The pastor still refused. The Mayor then summoned gendarmes who demanded the key of the belfry, and rang the bells themselves.

INCREASE IN SIZE

OF POPULATION
Fears that the time is rapidly approaching when the population of Germany, like that of France, will become stationary, or even go back, have been dispelled for the present by an estimate in the latest year book of the Imperial German Statistical Office, putting the population of the empire at the end of the first half of 1914 at 67,122,000. This compares with 66,981,000 in the previous year, and shows an increase practically the same as that recorded from 1912 to 1913, and exceeding the gain from 1911 to 1912 by 44,000.

Comparisons with the growth of the population in France give striking figures. In 1872, following the Franco-German War, France had a population of about 36,000,000, only 5,000,000 less than Germany. In 1911 she had less than the same, and the number has declined since then. Thus her increase in forty-two years has been less than 3,000,000, against an increase for Germany of 26,000,000.

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Mould the figure into the most perfect lines of the latest style and accomplish the result with so much comfort and freedom to the wearer that every woman who has ever tried complicated, patented corsets should examine the new models. We have styles suited to all figures and competent saleswomen who will help you in selection and fitting.

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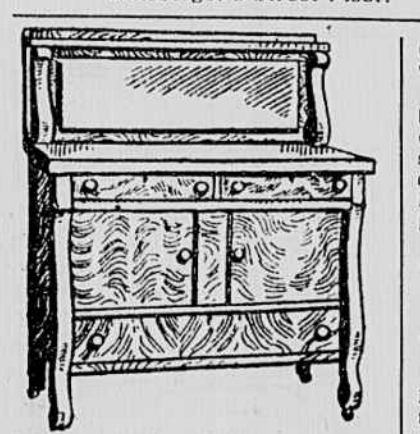
MEN'S FURNISHINGS

Men's Nainsook and Checked Madras Union Suits, made athletic style, with elastic seam back; regular \$1.00 quality; special for Monday ... 69c

Men's Open Stripe Madras Underwear, athletic style shirts, knee drawers; this underwear sells regularly at 50c; all sizes up to 46; special Monday only ... 35c

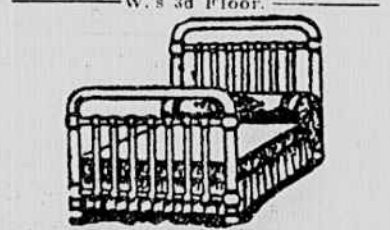
Men's Mercerized Madras and Oxford Wash Neckwear, the kind you have been paying 25c for; they are fast colors; made reversible and are full 47 inches long; the patterns are simply magnificent; special for Monday only, each ... 10c

Men's Silk Hose, in white, black, navy and tan, high spliced heels and double soles, very lustrous quality; you'd pay 35c for the same in other stores; our price ... 25c Weisberger's Street Floor.



\$25.00 BUFFET, \$15.95

This handsome Buffet in golden, early English or turned oak; one full lined drawer for silver; large inset round large bottom drawer. Special, \$15.95.



\$18.50 Bed Outfit, \$11.95

2-inch continuous post metal bed, in white or Veritas Martin; guaranteed National spring and good felt combination mattress, \$11.95.

CONTINUED--THIS SALE OF Men's \$1 & \$1.50 Shirts



This great sale of Men's Shirts continues to-morrow with assortments practically as good as when it started—take the advice of those who know and lay in a full six months' supply while you can save on every shirt you buy.

Shirts of every kind and style wanted—a wonderful selection of patterns and beautiful fabrics—solitaires, crepes, percales, madras, Russian cords, pongee and flannels, in all size neckbands and all length sleeves.

Weisberger's Street Floor.

Boys' Suits Marked Down

Wonderful saving chances to-morrow that prudent parents should plan to take advantage of.

\$6.00 Boys' Suits, \$3.75

Boys' Norfolk Suits, made of all wool and fancy mixtures, in pretty new patterns; perfectly tailored and fine fitting.

\$7.50 Boys' Suits, \$4.75

Boys' Norfolk Suits of all wool blue serges and pretty fancy mixtures that are unusually stylish; perfect fitting and made as well as "dad's" clothes are made—some have two pair of pants.

Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Men's \$12.50 to \$18 Suits

\$7.50

Continually busy—that's the condition that prevails in our Clothing Department since this great sale started—business men, professional men; in fact, men in every occupation are taking advantage of the savings this event offers.

The Suits are made by makers who are at the top rung in the ladder of clothing success, and you can rest assured that you are obtaining perfectly tailored, splendid fitting and superb qualities when you purchase one of these Suits. Sizes to fit all men—slim, stout or regular; materials are

Cheviots, Serges, Cassimeres and Worsteds

Weisberger's Street Floor.

Muslin Wear

\$1.50 Women's Petticoats, trimmed with deep embroidered ruffle, ribbon beading; fine quality muslin ... 95c

\$9c Women's Muslin Night Gowns, trimmed with pretty laces and embroideries, full size; special at ... 59c Weisberger's 2d Floor.

Lace Specials

Oriental Allover Lace; new small designs; in white or cream; regular price 69c, special at per yard ... 49c

Platte Val. Lace, over 50 new designs in this lot; regular 19c, special, yard ... 10c

Linen Torchon Lace, with insertions to match; regular price 3c, special ... 3c

Oriental Lace, 4 to 6 inches wide; regular 29c yard, special, at ... 19c

Allover Embroidery, new baby patterns; regular price 75c, special, yard ... 50c

27-inch Swiss Flouncing; neat baby patterns; regular price 59c yard, special, yard ... 35c

Weisberger's Street Floor.

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Skirts, \$2.95

We have just received from one of our largest skirt manufacturers a splendid lot of stylish skirts away under the regular price, which we place on sale to-morrow.

Made of all wool cream serges, with pencil stripes and fancy narrow stripes, trimmed with pretty buttons, made in long Russian tunic effects and perfectly tailored. The skirts are especially adapted to out-going use, being unusually stylish.

Weisberger's 2d Floor.

\$3 and \$3.50 Dresses

\$1.95

It's late in the season for manufacturers, and they, in order to close out their surplus stocks, sold us several splendid lots of Dresses at big price concessions. They go on sale to-morrow at the price quoted above.

They are made of splendid quality lawn, ginghams and crepes, in solid colors or black and white stripes, with long tunic skirts; nicely trimmed at neck and arms; thoroughly well made and perfect fitting.

Weisberger's 2nd Floor.

Women's Silk Hose

Worth Positively 69c, at

45c

Every woman who has failed to try a pair of our famous 45c Hose has yet to have the satisfaction of wearing the best in the world at the price.

They are made of fine, lustrous silk, double thread lisle soles, high spliced heels and garter tops—all wanted colors and guaranteed for wear—in fact, no other store in Richmond can offer you as good at anywhere near the price.

Weisberger's Street Floor.

GREAT BASEMENT SPECIALS MONDAY

<p>Six, eight, ten and twelve-quart gray enameled Berlin Kettle or long handle saucepan, 3 coats of enamel on steel base; worth from 30c to 50c; ... 19c</p> <p>17-quart Dish Pan, gray enamel. A quality of seconds worth 30c; special ... 19c</p> <p>Extra Large Gray Enamel Foot Tub, 3 coats of enamel; value 69c; ... 49c</p> <p>6-quart Gray Enamel Preserving Kettle, with ball handle; value 30c; special ... 8c</p> <p>5 packages Star Naptha Washing Powder, 5c packages ... 17c For one day only.</p> <p>Adjustable Window Screens, of hardwood; A quality wire cloth. High. Closed. Open. Value. Special</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>15</td><td>21</td><td>33</td><td>20</td><td>14c</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>21</td><td>33</td><td>23</td><td>17c</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>21</td><td>33</td><td>25</td><td>19c</td></tr> <tr><td>24</td><td>23</td><td>37</td><td>30</td><td>24c</td></tr> </table> <p>8 cakes of Fairy Toilet Soap for ... 11c One day only.</p>	15	21	33	20	14c	18	21	33	23	17c	24	21	33	25	19c	24	23	37	30	24c	<p>12x24 Galvanized Wash Board, with good, heavy, corrugated surface; value 30c ... 17c</p> <p>Blue Enamel 6-Quart Tea Kettle</p> <p>White enamel inside, first quality Venetian ware, value 60c ... 43c</p> <p>Coffee and Tea Pots, gray or blue enamel, 4, 6, 8-cups capacity; value to 50c; choice ... 23c</p> <p>Hammer Soap, "knocks the dirt out," 6 bars ... 18c For one day only.</p> <p>Gray Enamel Frying Pans, in 7 sizes, first grade in L. & G. ware; value 15 to 25c; choice ... 12c</p> <p>Extra good tin Wash Boiler, with tight-fitting cover, value 79c ... 54c</p>	<p>Lawn Mowers at Special Prices</p> <p>Tiptop Lawn Mower, 3 14-inch blades, values \$3.75 ... \$2.75</p> <p>Invincible, ball-bearing, 3 14-inch blades, value \$4.98 ... \$3.98</p> <p>Ultramarine Wash Blue, 16-pound package ball blue, 8 packages ... 11c For one day only.</p> <p>Hammered Brass Jardiniere with 3 ball feet, 10 inches across top, 8 1/2-inch opening, value \$1.50, at ... 87c</p> <p>Hardwood Refrigerator, richly polished, top opening, fine brass hardware, 50-pound capacity, porcelain lined food chamber, value \$15.00 ... \$8.98</p> <p>Side-door Refrigerator, 30-pound ice capacity; finished in dark oak, raised panels top and sides; excellent ice-keeper, value \$25 ... \$17.75</p> <p>80 Clothes Pins, first quality wood, well selected; special ... 4c</p>
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